

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the claim amendments and remarks contained herein. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Clowers (U.S. Pat. No. 4,628,605). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation “wherein the timing actuator comprises a wheel support coupled to a wheel member having a groove and wherein the cutting element bears against the groove of the wheel member.” Applicant submits that the orbital bayonet saw of Clowers ‘605 fails to teach, disclose, or suggest a wheel member having a groove where the cutting element bears against the groove of the wheel member. Instead, Clowers ‘605 discloses a pair of nip rollers 78 spaced apart substantially the width of a saw blade and a main roller bearing 82 located between the nip rollers 78. The main roller bearing 82 abuts the rear edge of the cutting blade and the nip rollers 78 flank the cutting blade during use of the saw.

The Clowers ‘605 saw requires the structure of the two nip rollers 78 and the main roller bearing 82 because of its orbital control mechanism. When the orbit control knob is positioned to produce orbital motion of the cutting blade, the orbit cam lever lobe deflects the neck portion of the blade guide. This deflection of the neck portion of the blade guide causes the blade guide to pivot about its pivot pin forcing the parallel arms of the blade guide and the associated main bearing to move in a fore and aft direction. This motion carries the cutting blade via the main bearing 82 and nip roller bearings 78.

Thus, Clowers '605 does not disclose, suggest, or teach a wheel member having a groove where the cutting element bears against the groove of the wheel member. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

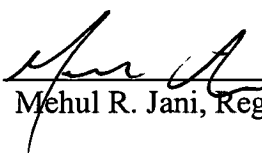
Claims 7-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Clowers (U.S. Pat. No. 4,628,605). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons discussed above.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (410) 716-2886.

Respectfully submitted,

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